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amendment I...I thought about that quite a bit and I realized that we had no other choice, as I felt, other than to adopt that amendment. I was looking through the budget and I think that, while you might be onto something, I think you're in the wrong area, because there are several appropriations here. There's one in Big Springs, which is about \$1.5 million; then there are several other appropriations in Ogallala, the Oliver Reservoir, places like that, that we could come up with almost \$2 million in...in reductions in the budget. I think that it's real easy to go after the university because the budget is so large. But I think sometimes when we want to restrict spending, maybe we should look to our own home and restrict it there or cut the budget there, because sometimes we think that the university budget is so big that it's an easy target. But I feel that if we're going to cut the budget we should...we should do it in our own districts and show that we're truly committed to reducing the budget and increasing property tax relief. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bourne. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature and Senator Erdman, I'm an expert on these kind of amendments. This amendment is going nowhere, except the way of most of my amendments on the budget. And I know Senator Erdman did not expect this amendment to have any chance of being added to the budget...to the appropriations bill. Nevertheless, it's good to use amendments for the purpose of making a point. I would like to ask Senator Erdman a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Erdman, would you yield?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Erdman, aside from saying that you want to try to bring about property tax relief, is there another point you're trying to make with this amendment, or is that the only thing you're interested in trying to do with it?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Going back to...to the General File vote of voting no to take the money from the community colleges, knowing that that's property tax, that's my motivation. Now if there's